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The Friendship club meeting which was to have been held the first Thursday in November, has been postponed for two weeks and longer if necessary.

Sunday was a busy day for automobiles. Some of them fairly jumped for joy when the sun came from behind the clouds.

Now Will Cowles thinks it's his duty to help dig potatoes and has quit helping thresh beans for a while. Alvah Dodds has taken his place with the threshers.

In accordance with the high and supreme rulings of the great state of Michigan, Milo Dicken has closed his post-room for the period of two weeks and now he hasn't an earthly thing to do after he gets his wood buzzed, unless he gets his horse from the farm and takes some of the ladies out for a ride.

We are pleased to state that our sick people all seem to be on the road to recovery.

Alfred Davis thinks if his sugar ration is cut down any more he will sour for sure. He was up in the farm digging potatoes last week and needs lots of sweetening.

Robert Earle has dug and dug and dug potatoes and now he thinks he will go to Detroit where they do say a man can find some work to do.

Louis Compton has been hauling dirt to fill out the hollow places in his front lawn.

Howard Insley was home from Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Mrs. Eleanor Dicken is able to get out and call on her old neighbors once more. She called on Mrs. Will Cowles last Monday and on Mrs. C. W. Joslin Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hull were down in Keene Friday and Saturday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hull and James Hopkins and family.

Mrs. Maggie Beebe made a business trip to Belding Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis are recovering from an attack of the influenza.

Lester Beebe was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Osborn Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cook have moved to Sand Lake where they will engage in the mercantile business. We will miss them in Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. VanHouten of Detroit and Mrs. G. O. Bignell and Mrs. Eva E. Bignell of Belding were supper guests of Mrs. Eleanor Dicken and Milo Dicken Saturday.

Mrs. Catherine Russell visited her grandchildren, Frank Loomis and wife in Orleans several days last week.

Misses Neva Coon and Lila Mosher of Belding called on Mrs. Alfred Davis Sunday.

Onions seem to be a very good crop this year and are cheap enough to fall out of the luxury class. It has been said some of them are strong enough to bring tears to the eyes of a potato and kill all the germs of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hanks returned from Merritt Thursday. They had a fine time visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dicken and Es-

sie, and Alvah Dodds, wife and son Gerald motored to Belding Sunday and visited with the family of G. O. Bignell. The other guests at the Bignell home were: Geo. E. VanHouten, wife and daughters of Detroit, G. L. Bignell, wife and daughter of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Skellenger and two little daughters of McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoppough received a card from their son, Clayton, Saturday. He is somewhere in France.

Sunday callers at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Dicken and Milo Dicken were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Skellenger of Grand Rapids, Thos. Skellenger of McBride, G. L. Bignell and daughter, Ruth, of Grand Rapids and Geo. E. VanHouten and daughters, Eva Marie, Eleanor and Margaret of Detroit.

Arlo Tebbel picked up potatoes for Clayton Baker last week. Friday was also Arlo's birthday anniversary; he being 12 years old and ought to have had a holiday but he went to work as usual. Well, Mrs. Baker knew about the birthday and she made just an elegant birthday cake for him and Mrs. Tebbel went down there in time for dinner and they all made quite a festive occasion of the day. Then he received a dollar from his father, another from his mother and best of all a letter with another dollar from his Aunt Lottie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hanks have peas in bloom in their garden. Now if this fine autumn weather only stays with us a few weeks—um.

Mrs. W. B. Travis and daughter Julia of Belding called on Mrs. Robert Earle Friday.

Mrs. Chas. Dumon and Mrs. Fred Dumon visited Mrs. Sylvester Osborn Tuesday.

Mrs. Catherine Russell called on Mrs. Eleanor Dicken Friday.

Sergeant and Mrs. Mallard of Fremont were over Sunday guests of Elgin Condon and family.

Andrew Spaman, wife and children of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Tebbel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Seifried and children of Keene visited their grandparents, A. L. Hull and wife, Sunday.

Mrs. Marvin Nash called on Mrs. Sylvester Osborn Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Davis and daughter, Lizzie and Mrs. Elizabeth Davis visited Mrs. Alfred Davis Tuesday. They all went fishing in the afternoon but it wasn't a very good day to catch fish for they only got one small fish about three inches in length—too young to be wise—and then that one got away.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hoppough of Ionia, and daughters, Verle and Marjory, and Mrs. Eugene Hoppough were Sunday callers at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoppough and Mrs. Hattie Moe.

Sunday guests at the home of Amos Russell and wife were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loomis and daughter of Orleans and Robert Earle, wife and daughters.

Mrs. Ed. Insley and Mrs. Helen Purdy motored to Belding Saturday. Mrs. Purdy remained there for a visit with her husband and wife.

Mrs. M. J. Osborn of Belding is visiting Sylvester Osborn and wife. Elmer Lowden and wife of Belding were Sunday guests of Lester Beebe.

Sylvester Osborn and George Tebbel say the ground is too dry for the fall growing of the grain sowed and if they say so we know it is so. "Vest" says the rains we have had have only wet the ground to the depth of a few inches and the summer drouth dried it for several feet.

Mrs. Fred Freeman and children spent the fore part of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Antcliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner of River Ridge have moved to Belding for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Antcliff started Friday morning for South Boardman to attend the golden wedding of the latter's sister.

Mrs. Crystler called on Mrs. Floyd Bush Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Antcliff spent Thursday with their daughter, Mrs. James Farrar.

Threshers are in this vicinity. Mrs. James Farrar called on Mrs. Floyd Bush Saturday.

OAKFIELD
Old Jack Frost is just more than making the leaves fall. Keeps a body busy raking and burning them.

Just couldn't help but notice how busy the autos were last Sunday; made up for lost time.

M. Stevens and wife entertained the former's father and mother of Nelson Center over Sunday, also a sister from California. The sister will stay for a longer visit.

Frank Deal of E. more, accompanied by his brother, Fred and family of Grattan brought the remains of his little daughter, Anna, and laid them to rest in the Chapel cemetery. She was about two years old. The services were held at the home in Edmore. They came to former's father's, J. Deal's with the remains and the relative accompanied them to the cemetery.

Mrs. Havens was at J. Deal's from Friday until Sunday helping her sister, Mrs. Deal wait on the funeral party.

Mrs. Ernest Hart is on the gain. Mrs. Burt Havens has been caring for her the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conant and Miss Hazel Stultz of Belding visited their mother from Friday evening until Sunday evening when they returned to that city.

Mrs. Andrew Hansen went to Sparta last week to visit a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Nelson.

No Red Cross meeting last week on account of the sickness of some of the workers.

Clarence Osgood's farm house burned to the ground last Friday. The family were all sick. Mr. Osgood was very near death's door at the time. They removed them to a relative's home in Greenville where he is reported still alive. We were not informed how the house caught fire. They have the sympathy of their many friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Stultz took dinner with Mrs. Jud. Wellman last Friday. They enjoyed a real good boiled dinner. Guess you all know what one is like.

"H. C. H.", "Liberty" and "Black Seal" cigars will please you. Try them.—Adv.

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Local Items

All About Our Town And Its People

Mrs. Horton Soules received word Wednesday night that her sister, Mrs. Grace Brotherton, of Dansville, this state, had died that morning of Spanish influenza. Mrs. Brotherton had made many visits here and her friends will regret to learn of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. VanHouten and three daughters, Eva Marie, Eleanor and Margaret, motored from Detroit Friday night and visited with G. O. Bignell and family until Sunday afternoon. Thos. Skellenger and family of McBrides and G. L. Bignell, wife and daughter, Ruth, of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests at the Bignell home.

Miss Helen Lapham of Belding left for Orleans Saturday where she will resume her school work.

E. E. Slye of Ionia was in Belding Saturday on business.

Mrs. Henry Fuller of Ithaca returned home Monday after a few days' visit with her son, Frank Hill.

Mrs. Wm. Ebersly of Ludington left for home Monday after a short visit with relatives and friends in Orleans.

Mrs. F. Gill of Grand Rapids has been the guest of Mrs. Henry Smith, her sister. She left for home Thursday.

Mrs. Clyde Kayser visited friends in Smyrna Thursday.

Mrs. Alfred Annis of Grand Rapids returned home Thursday after having been a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomas.

Miss Bessie Grinnell visited with friends in Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Harrington spent Saturday in Grand Rapids.

Miss Sarah Helmick, a teacher of the local schools, left for Saginaw Saturday where she will visit relatives and friends until the schools reopen.

Miss Lillian Davison who is teaching in the Belding schools went to Detroit Saturday on business.

Elon Murray and family of Six Lakes came down Saturday afternoon for a short visit at the home of his brother, Chas. Murray and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Curtis of Lansing, returned home Saturday afternoon after a short visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Curtis.

A "hundred per cent American" republic will not deny its women the political liberty that monarchies have extended.

Vote "Yes" on woman suffrage November 5.

President Wilson says: "The war could not have been fought, either by the nations engaged or by America, if it had not been for the services of the women, services rendered in every sphere, not merely in the fields of efforts in which we have been accustomed to see them work, but wherever men have worked and upon the very skirts and edges of the battle itself."

We shall not only be distrustful but shall deserve to be distrustful if we do not enfranchise them as it is now certain that the other great free nations will enfranchise them."

To win the war vote for woman suffrage November 5.

Mrs. Lozo has just received a card saying that her son, Guy, is safe over seas. He enlisted in the National Guard in June, 1917. He was stationed at Camp Cody N. M., from that time until he sailed. He was one of the cotton winders at the Richardson mill for nearly two years.

"What can I do for falling hair?" Use Parisian Sage; this also cures dandruff and itching scalp. Wortley & French sell it.—Advertisement.

WAR INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE PLANS HELP FOR "BIG PUSH"

Grand Rapids Draft Boards Behind Movement to Place Registered Men in Preferred Jobs.

The big push is on. To meet it every resource of the government will be strained to the limit. There is to be no let up until the boys in khaki have reached Berlin. At least, such is the present indication. The president has spoken. Peace will never be dictated by the Kaiser. It will be an American-made peace. General Pershing and the boys "over there" will see that the "note" signed by the president, will have the full endorsement of all the arms and ammunition this country can supply.

But the big push is not alone with General Pershing and his boys in khaki. Here, in this country, in this town, are the men who will make the big push effective—a reality. It is to the boys and the men who registered on September 12 that the government looks to make possible the effectiveness of General Pershing and his boys overseas.

To assist in this big work the government has urged the War Industrial Training Institute, located at Grand Rapids, and operated with the local draft boards, the war department, and the federal board for vocational education, to extend its work. Early in the spring the institute prepared registered men for preferred positions in the army—soldier mechanics—men behind the lines to repair the war machines and guns for the boys in the trenches. General Pershing estimated that it required from three to six men behind the lines for every man who carried a gun. The institute assisted in this work by teaching airplane construction, motor truck work, machine shop practice, acetylene welding, applied electricity, airplane engine repair, accounting, signal corps school

of telegraphy. Registered men who took these courses were given preferred positions in the army, even to that of non-commissioned officers, in many instances.

This same opportunity is offered today. Now the government urges that in addition to training registered men for military service, that attention be given to instruction along industrial lines. This means that the institute must enlarge its scope of work. It has done so. The courses have been so arranged as to meet the industrial emergencies and military necessities.

These courses are so arranged that an unskilled man may become a skilled mechanic of sufficient ability to step right into war work, reflect credit upon himself and be of material assistance in making the big push a reality. It will include all registered men from 18 to 45 years of age.

The Grand Rapids manufacturers have responded nobly to the call. They have thrown open their factories to the institute, where the mechanical lines may be taught. They have gone further. Every war industry will give men employment during the day, so they may pursue their studies at night. These places are now waiting for the men who want to fit themselves for preferred positions in either the military service or the war industrial plants of the country.

Information along this line may be secured from Director Verne H. Smiley, or Associate Director Roland De Witt, of the War Industrial Training Institute, 207 Y. M. C. A. building, Grand Rapids. A letter or card directed to either one will bring a speedy reply.

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He had struggled from earliest youth to keep his mother and himself in comfort. He had no time to acquire an education, but through inventions had accumulated a fortune. Then he met Kate Bates, who had run away from the farm to teach school. He courted her—she loved him. On Sunday he would ask her, but in the meantime he wrote a letter that showed clearly his lack of education.

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